

## PennAg Makes Platform Suggestions

Speaking before the Republican Platform Committee in Camp Hill, Harrisburg recently Phillip M. Spalding, York, Penn., 1st Vice President of PennAg Industries Association, suggested that the party adopt a total systems approach to agriculture and realize agriculture's needs for rail transportation.

Spalding stated that both parties (PennAg recently made the same suggestion before the Democratic Platform Committee) should recognize officially that, "getting food on the table or the fiber in the paper involves many organizations, many people, all vitally important segments of agriculture. It involves not only planting, cultivating and harvesting, but drying, cleaning, weighing, blending, transporting, inspecting, marketing, advertising, processing and storing. It involves the talent

of nutritionists, geneticists, agronomists, sales managers, engineers, pathologist, lawyers, traffic men, managers, workers — and even legislators."

The President of York Flour Mills, Inc. also stated that, "What is needed is a sense of unity of purpose, a dedication which in agriculture will only come with this concept we envision — of involving actively the whole agricultural community and telling the public the good news, the progress being made for their benefit. The creation of dissension as a stated policy will not provide what is most needed in this country today and also in this Commonwealth."

Spalding then switched to a problem his Association is very concerned about — transportation. "We are convinced," Spalding stated, "that few agricultural leaders are aware of the tremendous need for an

adequate transportation system or the dire consequences to the economy without it."

"Agriculture has special transportation needs and we feel much more should be done within the Department of Agriculture on these needs on a close liaison basis with PennDot and other agencies. We are talking about the movement of bulk commodities over branch rail lines and also secondary highways because in the main that's where the agriculture is. This requires the special talents of a transportation expert with an agricultural background." PennAg has worked with representatives of the Governor's office of Planning and Development as well as PennDot.

### Meat Pies

Meat pies are pies, of course, but they're also a stew. In fact, a good way to vary the second-day serving of stew is to place it in a pie or casserole, adding a different vegetable when necessary, then topping with pastry, biscuits, mashed potatoes, or cereal crumbs



Some people say that buttercups mixed with salt and hung from the fingers will cure toothaches!

## Angus Futurity Show a Success

Angus breeders from 20 states paraded 142 head of bulls and heifers before Judge Gail Long, Kansas City, Missouri, at the 27th showing of the American

Angus Breeders' Futurity in Louisville, Kentucky. The show featured herds from California to New York and drew a huge crowd to the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

Supreme champion was the grand champion bull Sir Big William 1722 shown by Sir William Farm, Hillsdale, New York, and owned jointly with Cedarmont Farms, Franklin, Tennessee and Fair View Ranch, Big Timber, Montana. The bull, which was also senior champion, was born May 9,

1972 and weighed 1835 pounds.

The grand champion heifer was exhibited by Weaver Angus Farm, Peoria, Illinois. She was the heifer calf champion, Miss Lovemere of WAF 37E. Calved September 12, 1973 she weighed 830 pounds.

Every animal in the show was measured extensively after they were checked into the grounds and this information was furnished to the judge before each class. The information included weight, weight per day of age, rib eye area and fat thickness as measured by scan-o-gram, rib eye area per 100 pounds of live weight, height at the wither, length from withers to tail and forearm circumference.

### Farm Youth Calendar

Saturday, August 17  
4-H Exchange Trip to Oxford County Maine

Tuesday, August 20  
Silver Spurs family picnic at the home of Mervin Bares, Witmer.

Wednesday, August 21  
State 4-H Dress Revue at Penn State

Saturday, August 24  
Fulton Grange Youth Miniature Golf Party at Village Green in Strasburg 8:00 p.m.

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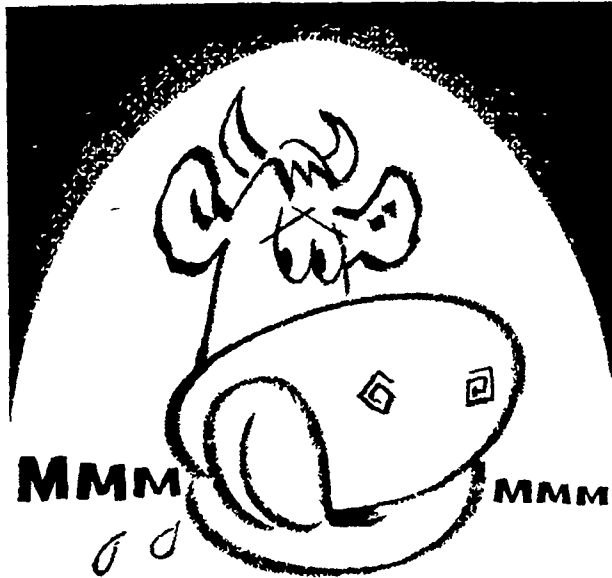
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